

# News of the Day in Moline and East Moline

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## TRAFFIC MATTER CONFRONTS CITY

Commissioners Plan to Widen Down-town Streets Next Year to Relieve Congestion.

Realization has come upon the Moline city council that steady increase in the number of automobiles owned in Moline is forcing consideration of plans looking to the widening of several downtown cross streets for parking purposes.

That the council will undertake some action this summer for the season is now far gone, but all the commissioners are agreed that something must be done eventually and the preparation is already on the calendar for next year.

It is the opinion of the council that it will not be a difficult matter to widen practically all of the cross streets in the business district although Sixteenth street has been the only one of the downtown cross streets discussed up to date. The difficulties encountered in widening Fifth avenue would not be exaggerated here because in nearly all cases the project would merely entail the widening of the pavements by extending it on ground now occupied by curbing and owned by the city.

Sixteenth street between Fifth and Seventeenth, for instance, is an example. The sidewalk line is far back of the pavement and the pavements could easily be widened by narrowing the curb.

That something of this sort must be done appears certain, for the parking of automobiles on downtown streets has become a problem which can not be solved by ordinary traffic measures. Fifteenth street, being the widest of the downtown streets, is the logical place for parking and has been used for that purpose, but it is no longer adequate. In addition to this there are a few merchants who object to having cars parked in front of their places of business, although these are in the minority, for most of the merchants are willing to have cars park near their stores if it will bring them business.

The difficulty of course, however, is so great that many of them are being parked on other cross streets and as these are comparatively narrow this tends to make dangerous traffic conditions.

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PEACE DEBATE SUBJECT.

Preparations are under way in the East Moline township high school for the annual debating contest of the year for the purpose of choosing the winning team and the individual champion debater of the season. The question proposed to be submitted is that subscriptions can be formed at the Y. M. C. A. building fund campaign next week. Mr. Moody is an exponent and has had a number of years experience in Y. M. C. A. promotion and pioneer work. He is responsible for the success of the Y. M. C. A. in Moline.

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Mrs. Melba Hammer furnished music for the occasion. There were 84 volley enthusiasts in attendance. It was unanimously decided to continue to play outdoor volleyball.

MORE CREDITS ARE GIVEN.

H. A. Hollister, state high school inspector, who recently made an inspection of the East Moline township high school, has allowed the East Moline school an additional five credits in its grade because of additions to the curriculum. Heretofore the school has been allowed a grade of 17½ credits, and now it is rated at 22½ credits. This year several new courses, including domestic science, were added.

SETTLE DIFFERENCES.

Differences between John Dolan and Tom Connell over a plow deal were adjusted before the case against Dolan was called before Justice Dan Mackell in East Moline late yesterday afternoon and the charges were dismissed. The complaining witness had charged that Dolan held out one plow of a lot he said to Connell.

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Though unfavorable weather conditions have interfered, the series of Sunday evening parties at Campbell's Island under direction of Mannie L. Pearce are proving very popular. Jasen's jazz orchestra, a new feature of the island, is proving a big hit. Manager Pearce says that in spite of the weather Campbell's Island is attracting many visitors, and calls for summer holidays are numerous. He anticipates a busy season at the island.

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### MOLINE BOY NOW ON BATTLEFIELD

John Livingston, Serving With Ambulance Corps, Has Been Sent to Western Front.

Soldiers and guards in uniform will be obtain liquor in East Moline saloons hereafter. Yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the East Moline Liquor Dealers' association the effects of the entrance of the United States into the war were discussed with relation to the liquor business, and the association took up the question of sales to men in the government service. It was decided unanimously that the association members should refuse to sell to uniformed men.

It is understood that the proposals for general prohibition during the war, or limited prohibition near army camps and barracks, and for increased taxes on intoxicants, were discussed, and that the situation in general was canvassed.

Soldiers are on duty continuously in East Moline, patrolling the grounds of the R. & P. plant, which has a big contract for United States munitions.

### GARBAGE GATHERING IS BEGUN IN MOLINE

Collection of garbage for the summer months was started in Moline yesterday and Commissioner Stouffer at the same time issued another appeal to citizens to aid the health department by restraining garbage.

The city, like the individual, is feeling the high cost of living. The water department, for instance, is paying more for coal than ever before.

The health department is paying an enormous price for hay for the horses used in the department. Everything used by the city has gone up in price just as has everything used by the individual citizen.

In addition to this the city has had to increase salaries of employees, for employees reached a place where they could not get along in view of the high cost of living, on the salaries that had been paid in other years when prices were normal.

The largest item in the expense of the health department is that of hauling garbage, and the people of the city can save the city several thousand dollars if they will see that no liquids go into the garbage carts. Last year more than 20 per cent of the garbage hauled was made up of liquids. Half the cost of hauling could have been saved if housewives had poured off the liquids before placing the garbage in the after containers.

People who persist in dumping liquids and all into their garbage cans will probably find holes punched in the bottom of their cans. In the meantime citizens should remember that every cent they save the city will eventually be saved to them in taxes.

—By Frank J. Koenig.

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### Obituary

Mrs. Isabel Lind.

Mrs. Isabel Lind, tax collector for the city of Moline, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Anthony, 40½ Fifteenth avenue, Rock Island, this morning. She was born Sept. 11, 1888, at Rock Island. In 1908 she was married to Ernest Lind, who predeceased her in death by four years.

Surviving are three brothers, James and Fred Rohrbach of Rock Island, and William Rohrbach of Kansas City, Mo., and four sisters, Mrs. Charles Carlson, Mrs. Oberlander and Mrs. H. Anthony of Rock Island, and Mrs. E. Givens of Kansas City, Mo. She also leaves three children, Kenneth, Donald and Ernest Lind.

Funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs. Anthony at 2 Thursday afternoon. Rev. A. S. Bergstrom will officiate. Burial will be in Riverdale cemetery.

MEMBERS OF THE MOLINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

can tell of many experiences, but today theirs was an adventure of which perhaps no other fire fighters can boast. They had scaled walls to a second height to save occupants of burning buildings when they made their way to the bottom of a 15-foot well to rescue Mrs. James Russell, 350 Third avenue, weighing well over 200 pounds, who had fallen into a brick-lined cavity in her back yard. It is nothing less than a miracle that she was not seriously injured. As it was, however, she suffered terribly from exposure and shock.

She was in the well a half hour before she could be extricated, standing in deep mud with chilling water up to her shoulders.

The well had not been in use for several years and boards had been placed over the top. Over the boards nearly a foot of dirt had drifted in the years that it has not been in use and Mrs. Russell had forgotten its existence.

In the meantime the boards had rotted and when Mrs. Russell, who is heavy, fell through, she plunged into the mud, which covered the boards. They gave way and she plunged into the well, which is 15 feet deep.

The cable car into the mud and the cold water, which was three feet deep, closed over her head.

Struggling, she extricated her feet from the clinging mud and the red sand became clinging to her hair above water. Her 75-year-old son, George, came to her assistance and carried her to the surface, but the mud was clinging to her hair and she could not be freed.

Charles Blodow, chief of police, directed his men to the scene of the accident.

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